(b) No Indian refugees have arrived from Afghanistan. However, due to prolonged war and ethnic conflict in Afghanistan from 1980 onwards, a large number of Afghan nationals migrated to India. To facilitate their stay in India, as per present policy, Afghan nationals who came to India with valid travel documents/ passports are being granted six monthly extensions for their stay in the country. The present extension is valid upto 30th June, 2001.

Work Permits for Bangladeshis

1225. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had once said that Government proposed to introduce work permits for the Bangladeshis;

(b) how far has the proposal gone ahead; and

(c) by when it will be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The proposal of Work Permit to Bangladeshis and reciprocal arrangement for Indians is presently at the discussion stage between the Governments of India and Bangladesh.

Implementation of Central Laws

1226. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government are taking to ensure the implement of Central Laws in the States, particularly relating to the dalits and the tribals in the face of rejection of proposal for creation of federal police by the Chief Ministers; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to effect amendment to the Constitution to have a federal police to meet the point that law and order is a State subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Law enforcement and management of law and order, security, crime prevention and crime detection are the responsibility of the States as Public Order is a State Subject under the Constitution of India. Therefore, all offences irrespective of being either under Central or State laws are investigated by the police except those which are specifically investigated by the Central Agencies.

(b) No, Sir.